

Gloria Eleanor (Messing) Baker Armstrong, age 75, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, and formerly of Bad Axe, Michigan, passed away February 21, 2017 (her mom's birthday) at Hope Hospice House in Lehigh Acres, Florida, after a brief illness.

Gloria was the daughter of Norman and Eleanor (Swartz) Messing of Bad Axe, MI, born July 13, 1941, in Detroit. She graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1959 and then from St. Mary's Nursing School in 1962. She married David J. Baker in Bad Axe in 1963. He preceded her in death in 1981. She later married Donald Paul Armstrong of Bad Axe, in 1985. He also preceded her in death on February 23, 2016.

Gloria was a registered nurse for over 38 years. Her nursing experiences include Labor and Delivery, Geriatric Nursing, and Home Care Nursing. She was the Assistant Director of Nursing at the Huron Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe, and later specialized in home care all throughout Lee County in Southwest Florida. She was passionate about nursing and loved helping people. Gloria enjoyed scrapbooking, water aerobics, playing euchre, reading and studying the Bible and socializing with her friends. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bad Axe for many years and recently Grace Bible Church in Fort Myers, Florida.

Gloria is survived by her son, Michael Baker (Kim Hedger-Carey) of Alva, FL; her daughter, Linda Baker Chumbler (Michael) of Harbor Springs, MI; her step daughters, Linda Armstrong Severino (Jimmy) of Des Moines, IA, and Sharon Armstrong of Mayville, MI; two grandchildren, Carson and Stella Chumbler; her brothers, Ken Messing (Mary) of Bad Axe, MI, and Donald Messing (Diane) of Alma, CO; her sister, Jane Messing (Dan Rapson) of Andover, KS; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Eleanor (Swartz) Messing and her brother, Dale Messing.

Services will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Bad Axe First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery. Friends may call at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe on Sunday from 2 – 5 pm. or Monday at the church from 10 am. until the service time at 11 am.

Memorials may be offered to the Hope Hospice House in Lehigh Acres, FL or the Bad Axe First Baptist Church.